

## DECLARATION

As the below-named inventors, we declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below under our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTROCHEMICAL-MECHANICAL PROCESSING OF MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES," as filed in the foregoing specification, and this application in part discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in our earlier-filed U.S. Application No. 09/651,799, filed August 30, 2000 and entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Removing Conductive Material from a Microelectronic Substrate;" U.S. Application No. 09/888,084, filed June 21, 2001, and entitled "Methods and Apparatus for Electrical, Mechanical and/or Chemical Removal of Conductive Material from a Microelectronic Substrate;" and U.S. Application No. 09/887,767, filed June 21, 2001, and entitled "Microelectronic Substrate Having Conductive Material With Blunt-Cornered Apparatus, and Associated Methods for Removing Conductive Material."

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a), including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of the present application.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that the making of willfully false statements and the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both,

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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73 AND POWER OF  
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Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment filed concurrently herewith, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned duly authorized designee of Assignee certifies that the evidentiary documents have been reviewed, specifically the Assignment to MICRON TECHNOLOGY, INC., filed concurrently herewith for recording, a copy of which is attached hereto, and certifies that to the best of my knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee.

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